(c) Some high yielding varieties of seeds developed through radiation induced mutations are also being used by farmers in these areas through National and State Seed Corporations. There is no proposal to start a regional centre for farmers in North-Western States.

SCs/STs employees in GMRT, NCRA and TIFR

3003. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total strength of employees in all categories i.e. SC/ST and General Category separately, at present in GMRT, NCRA and TIFR;

(b) whether TIFR, NCRA and GMRT being autonomous bodies under the Department of Atomic Energy, have their own by laws and rules, different from the Government policy, if reservation for SC/ST people; and

(c) if so, whether such autonomous is permissible under the Constitution of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENTS OF ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The National Centre for Radio Astrophysics (NCRA) which is setting up the Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT) near Pune is a part of the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR). The total strength of employees in TIFR including NCRA/GMRT in SC/ST and General Category separately, is as under:—

Category	General	SC	ST	Total
Strength of employees	1,556	177	33	1,766

Out of the total employees of 1,766, 239 employees belong to the Academic category in respect of whom reservation orders are not applicable. Reservation as per the Government orders are applicable to other categories of employees.

(b) TIFR is an autonomous Institute of the Department of Atomic Energy and has its own bye-laws and rules. However, it is required to follow the Government policy of reservation for SC/ST categories.

(c) Does not arise.

Discrimination in the promotion of SC/ST employees in the establishments of DAE

3004. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the victimisation of SC/ST employees, including technical and non-technical staff, in the Department of Atomic Energy;

(b) if so, what is the number of SC/ST candidates, in all the categories of the services, who left the department since last five years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the general category candidates get promotions earlier than the SC/ST candidates under the same eligibility criteria; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENTS OF ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) There is no case of victimisation of SC/ST employee,